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SUBJECT: VISIT OF KENYAN DELEGATION

1. REQUEST EMBASSY RAISE WITH GOK QUESTION OF JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT. WE PROPOSE LOW KEY ANNOUNCEMENT AT 1200 (WASHINGTON) FEBRUARY 24. IN OUR VIEW, WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF VISIT MUCH PAST THAT POINT WOULD ONLY INCREASE PRESS INTEREST AND SPECULATION.

2. PROPOSED ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

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"A SENIOR KENYAN DELEGATION LED BY VICE PRESIDENT MOI WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON FOR TALKS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER SENIOR U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON FEBRUARY 28. PRIMARY AREAS OF DISCUSSION WILL BE THE HORN OF AFRICA, BILATERAL SECURITY ISSUES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

3. FOLLOWING Q&A'S WILL BE PROVIDED TO DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS SPOKESMEN.

Q. WHO WILL COMPOSE THE KENYAN DELEGATION?

A. THE DELEGATION IS COMPOSED OF VICE PRESIDENT
MOI, FOREIGN MINISTER WAIYAKI, ATTORNEY GENERAL

NJONJO, FINANCE MINISTER KIBAKI AND OTHER HIGH RANKING
KENYAN OFFICIALS.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT?

A. THE DELEGATION IS HERE TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
HORN OF AFRICA, BILATERAL SECURITY MATTERS, AND OTHER
ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

Q. WHO WILL THE DELEGATION SEE?

A. THE DELEGATION WILL CALL UPON THE PRESIDENT, THE SEC-
RETARY OF STATE, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE AID
ADMINISTRATOR, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND OTHER HIGH-LEVEL
OFFICIALS.

Q. WHY ARE THE KENYANS SENDING SUCH A HIGH-LEVEL
DELEGATION?
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A. BOTH THE U.S. AND KENYA HAVE EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERNS
ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. THE LEVEL OF
THE CONSULTATIONS REFLECTS BOTH THE DEGREE OF OUR MUTUAL
CONCERNS OVER DEVELOPMENTS TO DATE AND THE CLOSENESS OF
OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. VANCE

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